Remarks

Applicant acknowledges the Examiner's indication that claims 16, 21, and 22 would be allowable if amended to be in independent form. Applicant has amended claims 16 and 21 to place these claims in condition for allowance in accordance with the Examiner's recommendations. In this regard, Applicant submits herewith new claims 23 and 24 which are based on claims 16 and 21, respectively. Applicant has amended claim 22 to depend from claim 24 consistent with the previous dependency upon claim 21 (new claim 24). With the foregoing in mind, Applicant respectfully asserts that claims 22-24 are now in condition for allowance.

Applicant withdraws remaining claims 1-19 and 21 without prejudice subject to inclusion in a continuing application. Applicant will cancel these claims upon an indication of allowability by the Examiner and response to claim amendments herein as previously indicated to be allowable. Applicant acknowledges claim 20 was cancelled in accordance with the previous amendment.
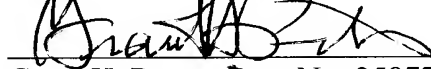
For all of the above reasons, claims 22 - 24 are condition for allowance and such allowance is, respectfully, requested.

If there is any issue remaining to be resolved, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone so that resolution can be promptly effected.

It is requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response with the fee for such extensions and shortages in other fees, being charged, or any overpayment in fees being credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg LLP, Deposit Account No. 12-0913 (47248-107480).

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